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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

We (I) believe that we are (I am) the original, first, and joint (sole) inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Water-soluble or water-dispersible (co)polymers of hydroxyalkyl (meth)acrylates, a process for their preparation, and their use as coating agent, binder and/or film-forming exipient in pharmaceutical dosage forms

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